death of the King made it safe to Buy so, speaks of "Ms detested memory,"

Alexander of Tolene is as thorough a partisan of the King as Palco is an enemy. Alexander was Abbot of San Salvo-tore near Telese and wrote there his *de rebus gestis Roger it SicMitr regia,* it work which practically ends at the year 1136, In 1144, a certain Stephen is Abbot of Telese so that Alexander must have died bftwwn these dates, probably about 1140, for the latter fortiori of the book seems to mention the conquests of Unit year. A dedicatory epistle to Roger accompanies the work, which was written at the requtvst of the Countess Matilda, wife of Rainulf and sinter of Roger, The best part of the work Hen between the years 1127 and 1136, during which he describes in full the course of events in Southern Italy.

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